

## Taft-Hartley Law Opposition Rises Among Union Workers

## Gray Urges Law's Repeal; Hits Union Shop Elections

Washington—Edward J. Gray, president of the AFL's Building and Construction Trades Department, called for the outright repeal of the National Labor Relations Act, which he said "has made it abundantly clear that it does not contain any benefits."

Gray is to testify before the Congressional "Watkins" Committee on Labor-Management Relations which opened hearings on proposed amendments to the law. Mr. Gray charged that it has had "dangerous effects" on the construction industry, which he said is "the most unionized and, indeed, upon the entire construction industry."

The AFL leader singled out the union shirk provisions of the law for special attack, declaring that they represent an "unwarranted intrusion" into the affairs of the industry, which he said has operated satisfactorily in the construction industry.

Pointing to the significant results of the union shop elections conducted last year, Gray said that 90 percent of the workers participating favor the union shop, Gray said:

## AFL Cement Workers Sweep More Elections

Chicago.—The experience of the AFL's United Cement, Lime, and Gypsum Workers International Union with union shop authorization

William Schoenberg, president of the union, announced the results of 27 elections for the new board of directors in all parts of the nation, who show that 97 percent of the workers voting favored the union shop. This percentage in favor of the union shop is higher than that recorded in all other series of elections.

The grand total of votes cast in both series of elections was 8,816 which represented about 89 percent of those eligible to vote. Of this number, 7,658 favored the union shop while a mere handful of 228 votes was cast in opposition.

Commenting upon the election results, Mr. Schoenberg said:

"The wholesome and forceful response of the membership of the United Cement, Lime and Gypsum Workers International Union through the direct expression of their loyalty to their international union is overwhelming."

record in union shop elections conducted by the National Labor Relations Board in accordance with the Taft-Hartley law.

"While each of us, as citizens, has the right to pass judgment upon the wisdom of the members of our national Congress who have viciously imposed the Taft-Hartley law upon the wage-earners of this country, with its resulting enormous expenditures of millions of the taxpayers' dollars for the unnecessary union shop elections, it may prove healthy for all concerned to really learn just what the score is between the wage-earners and their unions.

SGV—Invites all concerned to watch the results of these union shop

## Farm Placements Jump 138% In April; Nonagricultural Jobs Near Record

## Importance of Free Unions Stressed As Basic Foundation for Free Economy

Washington.—In a 3-2 decision, the National Labor Relations Board ruled against holding union shop authorization elections under the Taft-Hartley law in states which have banned the union shop.

velope to the Poll Department of the AFL Weekly News Service, affix a 3-cent stamp and mail it. These details are set forth here to make it clear that under such circumstances no huge vote could be expected.

Furthermore, the conditions of the poll were deliberately established to keep the totals down to sampling proportions and to make certain that each vote was individually cast in a separate envelope.

It would have been comparatively simple to print ballots in bulk and distribute them at local union meetings to register an enormous vote, but if this had been done, the poll would have been criticized as not being a fair expression of individual

This method was tried out, at the request of officials of the International Molders and Foundry Workers Union, at a few of their local unions. The vote cast was 5,354 against the Taft-Hartley Act and only 76 in favor of it.

The overwhelming sentiment among union members against the Taft-Hartley Act, as evidenced in the AFL poll has been borne out at the secret unionship elections conducted by the NLRB. The unions have been won-

## AGE OF ALL CARS DECLINES, STILL ABOVE PREWAR YEAR

The average remains high because scrapping of old cars has dropped drastically.

About 2 million cars a year were scrapped before the war. From 1943 through 1945, scrapping averaged 1,459,000 a year. It went up to 622,000 in 1946. Totals are not yet available.

## VA ACTS TO END RACKET OF BONUS PAY ON HOMES

Washington. — The Veterans Administration launched a drive to en-

The agency issued a warning that action will be taken against any vet-

man who puts out off-the-record money for a house under a GI loan, as well as against the builder or lender who accepts it. It is against

## Check-Off of Initiation Fees, Levies Ruled Legal Under Taft-Hartley

## Ruled Legal Under Taft-Hartley Law

Washington.—The check-off of union initiation fees and assessments may be included with the check-off of regular union dues under the Taft-Hartley law, according to an interpretation of the law's provisions by the Labor Department.

The department's position was made known in a letter to the National Labor Relations Board, which is currently reviewing a case involving the check-off of union dues and initiation fees from the paychecks of employees of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The Labor Department's interpretation, which is the subject of a separate article on this page, states that the check-off of initiation fees is legal under the Taft-Hartley law, provided that the fees are not excessive and are not used for purposes other than those for which the dues are collected.

The Labor Department's position is based on the fact that the Taft-Hartley law does not prohibit the check-off of initiation fees, and that the law does not require that the check-off of initiation fees be separate from the check-off of regular union dues.

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This opinion, of great interest to unions and to individual trades unionists, was given by the Assistant Solicitor General, George T. Washington, in response to a request by William S. Tyson, solicitor of the Department of Labor.

The clarification of the law's provisions regulating the check-off of union dues is prohibited unless the employee has given to the employer a written consent to such deduction. The authorization for the check-off may not be made irrevocable for more than one year or for the duration of the contract.

**STATE EMPLOYEES WIN BOOST**  
Salem, Ore.—Efforts of the AFL's American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees met with success here when \$20 monthly cost-of-living bonuses were approved for all state employees.

The raises, which will be effective in June, will go to about 4,000 persons on the state's payroll.

## HIRING IN MANUFACTURING DECLINED DURING MARCH

any comparable month since 1940. This was in part due to the continuing low quit rate, which has reduced replacement needs in many manufac-

the longer work-month. Continuing the trend which has prevailed since the final quarter of last year, voluntary separations were at the lowest

rate for any season during the war and postwar period.

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## Randolph Attacks Taft-Hartley Law; Asks Changes to Improve Measure

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## Doherty Raps Delay On Postal Pay Hike

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## 1949 Union Show Set for Cleveland

Washington.—The Union-Industrial Relations Show for 1949 will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, in May of 1949.

The show is being organized by the AFL-CIO, and it is expected to attract a large number of union members and industrial leaders.

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## Vacation Pay Given 65,000 Dressmakers; Employer-Financed Plan Tops \$2,500,000

New York.—Vacation checks for 65,000 dressmakers were distributed by the Dressmakers' Union of America, Inc., in New York City.

The checks were distributed to the dressmakers, and the total amount was over \$2,500,000.

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## REA APPROVES LOANS FOR NEW POWER LINES

Washington.—The Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC) has approved loans for the construction of new power lines.

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## Employment of Veterans Sets Record; 126,200 Reported At Work In April

Washington.—Employment of veterans set a new record in April, with 126,200 veterans reported at work.

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## REX EXTENDED 6 YEARS UNDER NEW LEGISLATION

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## SENATE UNIT APPROVES EXTENSION OF CONTROLS

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## APPRENTICESHIP DIRECTOR TO AID TRAINING IN EUROPE

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## BANK LOANS DECLINE 47 MILLION IN WEEK

Washington.—Bank loans declined by \$47 million in the week ending May 22.

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## THE RIGHT TO VOTE IS YOUR PRICELESS HERITAGE

Do not fail to use it.

The right to vote is a precious right, and it is one that should be used.

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## Food Price Drop Unlikely; Meat Shortage Predicted

Washington.—The average American worker, struggling to make ends meet in the face of ever-increasing living costs, expects to find little comfort from the prospect of a drop in food prices.

The report noted 2 factors which will tend to keep food prices up.

1. The income tax reduction, which may add as much as \$5,000,000,000 to the government's revenue.

2. The foreign aid program.

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## Nationalization of Railroads Urged By Railway Labor Executive Group

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## APL'S IRON WORKERS WIN \$3.45 DAILY BOOST

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## NEW RECORD SET IN APRIL FOR FIA HOUSING STARTS

Washington.—A new all-time record for dwelling units started in any month was set in April by the Federal Industrial Administration (FIA).

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